

REMARKS

Initially applicant would like to express his appreciation to the Examiner for discussing this case with applicant's representative on April 26, 2004. During the interview, the Examiner suggested a new method claim reciting that the game server informs the profile server of the player's status. In addition, the Examiner indicated that a child indicator does not appear to be shown by the applied references.

In accordance with the interview, a child indicator has been added to independent claims 2 and 5. Claim 6 has been added to claim that the game server updates the profile server. Similarly, claim 1 recites that the information providing server notifies the profile server.

Support for the new claim and amendments is found in the specification, *inter alia*, at pages 9 and 12. Thus, the amendments do not add any prohibited new matter.

It is submitted that none of the applied references teach or suggest the combination of claimed features. Consequently, it is respectfully requested that the examiner withdraw the rejections of the claims and indicate the allowability of all of the now pending claims.

Entry of the present amendment is believed to be proper, even though this Amendment is being filed in response to a final Office Action. That is, it is submitted that no new issues have been raised that would require further consideration.

Dependent claims 3 and 4 are also believed to recite further patentable subject matter of the invention and therefore are also believed allowable over the prior art. As such, allowance of the dependent claims is deemed proper for at least the same reasons noted for the independent claims, in addition to reasons related to their own recitations. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and an indication of the allowability of all of the claims in the present application.

The above amendments have been presented merely for the purpose of clarification, and not to overcome the applied prior art. Accordingly, no estoppel is deemed to result from any of the present amendments.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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